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Please amend claim 22 as follows.

22. (Currently Amended) The tightening arrangement of claim 21, wherein the mounting member includes ~~and an~~ opening, and wherein the engagement member moves through the opening in the mounting member into engagement with the hitch receiver.



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